IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, line 5 insert the following paragraph:

--This is a divisional application of Application No. 09/871,627, filed June 4, 2001.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 9, line 16 and ending on page 10, line 5 as follows.

--In formula (III), each of Ar_3 and Ar_4 is independently a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted naphthyl group, at least one of Ar_3 and Ar_4 having a carboxyl group or a salt thereof, or a sulfonic acid group or a salt thereof; M is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal, an ammonium, and an organic ammonium, M being a counter ion of the sulfonic acid group; R_5 is a 1,3,5-triazinediyl ~~triazinylene~~ group; each of R_6 and R_7 is independently selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, and an atomic group necessary to complete a perhydroxyazine ring together with N; and L is a bivalent organic connecting group.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 26, line 10 through page 27, line 18 as follows.

--In formula III, each of Ar_3 and Ar_4 is independently a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted naphthyl group. Examples of the substituted phenyl group and naphthyl group include a straight-chain or branched alkyl group with 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched alkoxyl group with 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a hydroxyl group, a carboxyl group or a salt thereof, a sulfonic acid group or a salt thereof, and a halogen atom, such as fluorine, chlorine, or bromine. At least one of Ar_3 and Ar_4 has a carboxyl group or a salt thereof, or a sulfonic acid group or a salt thereof. M is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal such as Li and Na, an ammonium (NH_4), and an organic ammonium ($N(R_{10})_4$), where R_{10} is a methyl group, an ethyl group, or the like, M being a counter ion of the sulfonic acid group. R_5 is a 1,3,5-triazinediyl ~~triazinylene~~ group, at least one hydrogen atom in the 1,3,5-triazine ring may be replaced with a carboxyl group or a salt thereof, a halogen atom, such as fluorine, chlorine, or bromine, a primary amino group, a secondary amino group, a tertiary amino group, an alkoxy group, a hydroxyl group, or the like. Each of R_6 and R_7 is independently selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, and an atomic group necessary to complete a perhydroxyazine ring together with N. L is a bivalent organic connecting group. Specific examples of R_6 and R_7 include a straight-chain or branched alkyl group with 1 to 6 carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched alkenyl group with 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and a benzyl group. Examples of the substituents of the alkyl group, the alkenyl group, and the benzyl group include a hydroxyl group, a carboxyl group or a salt thereof, and a sulfonic acid group or a salt thereof.--